GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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HIGHER/TECHNICAL INSTITUTES FOR MINORITY PEOPLE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved any higher or technical institution in West Bengal for the welfare of the minority people;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) to (c): Under the scheme of establishment of 374 Model Degree Colleges in districts having Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of Higher Education below national average, 11 Minority Concentration Districts have been identified for establishing Model Degree Colleges at Bardhaman, Birbhum, Dakshin Dinajpur, Haora, Cooch Behar, Maldah, Murshidabad, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, South 24 Parganas and Uttar Dinajpur in West Bengal. Cooch Behar District is the only Minority Concentration District for which a proposal has been received from the State Government so far.

Under the Scheme of Sub-Mission on Polytechnics, 7 new Polytechnics have been approved in Minority Concentration Districts viz. Dakshin Dinajpur, Uttar Dinajpur, Malda, Birbhum, Nadia, North 24 Parganas and South 24 Parganas in West Bengal.

One campus of the Aligarh Muslim University has also been established at Murshidabad (West Bengal) which is in operation from the academic year 2010-11.